

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-65. **(Canceled)**

66. **(Previously Presented)** An information presentation system comprising:

- a playback device;
- a management device; and
- a terminal device, wherein

- said terminal device is a different entity from said playback device,

- said playback device plays back a content, obtains (i) a content identifier that identifies the content having been played back by said playback device, and (ii) rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content, and transmits the content identifier and the rental information to the management device, and

- the management device including:

- a storage unit operable to store a content identifier that identifies a content having been played back in a past by the playback device in association with rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content;

- a receiving unit operable to receive, from the playback device, (i) a new content identifier that identifies a new content having newly been played back by the playback device and (ii) new rental information that shows whether or not the new content is a rental content;

- an update unit operable to

- (i) perform an update on the stored rental information so as to show that the content is not the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify a same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental content, and the received new rental information shows that the new content is not the rental content,

- (ii) perform no update on the stored rental information regardless of whether or not the received new rental information shows that the new content is the rental content when (a) the

received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and
(b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content, and

(iii) store the new content identifier and the new rental information to the storage unit,
when the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different
contents from each other;

a generation unit operable to generate presentation information using the stored content
identifier and the stored rental information in response to a request from the terminal device; and

an output unit operable to output the presentation information to the terminal device, and
the terminal device makes the request to the management device to generate the
presentation information, obtains the presentation information from said management device,
and presents the presentation information.

67. (Previously Presented) A management device included in an information presentation
system together with a playback device and a terminal device, the terminal device being a
different entity from the playback device, and the management device comprising:

a storage unit operable to store a content identifier that identifies a content having been
played back in a past by the playback device in association with rental information that shows
whether or not the content is a rental content;

a receiving unit operable to receive, from the playback device, (i) a new content identifier
that identifies a new content having newly been played back by the playback device and (ii) new
rental information that shows whether or not the new content is a rental content;

an update unit operable to

(i) perform an update on the stored rental information so as to show that the content is not
the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier
identify a same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental
content, and the received new rental information shows that the new content is not the rental
content,

(ii) perform no update on the stored rental information regardless of whether or not the
received new rental information shows that the new content is the rental content when (a) the

received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and
(b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content, and

(iii) store the new content identifier and the new rental information to the storage unit,
when the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different
contents from each other;

a generation unit operable to generate presentation information using the stored content
identifier and the stored rental information in response to a request from the terminal device;
and

an outputting unit operable to output the presentation information to the terminal device.

68. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 67, wherein
said generation unit includes:

an information storage unit operable to store therein a plurality of content identifiers in
association with attribute information related to the plurality of content identifiers respectively
identifying a plurality of content and the attribute information indicating attributes for
corresponding content; and

an information generating unit operable to generate the presentation information, in
response to the request from the terminal device, using (i), from among the stored attribute
information, attribute information which corresponds to the stored content identifier, (ii) the
stored content identifier and (iii) the stored rental information.

69. (Previously Presented) The management device of Claim 68, wherein
said information generating unit includes:

an attribute-information extraction unit operable to extract the attribute information
corresponding to the stored content identifier stored in the storage unit from among a plurality of
attribute information;

an attribute-information write unit operable to write to said storage unit, library
information including the extracted attribute information, the stored content identifier and the
stored rental information; and

a presentation-information generating unit operable to generate the presentation information using the library information written to said storage unit.

70. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 69, wherein
the attribute information stored in said information storage unit are grouped under a plurality of categories,

the request from the terminal device includes a particular one of the categories, and
said information generating unit generates the presentation information using attribute information belonging to the particular one of the categories and a content identifier and rental information corresponding to the attribute information.

71. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 69, wherein
said receiving unit further receives a user identifier that identifies a user who played back the new content, together with the reception of the new content identifier and the new rental information,

said storage unit stores one or more library list information, each library list information including a user identifier in association with one or more library information,

the request from the terminal device includes a particular user identifier, and
said generation unit generates the presentation information based on the library list information corresponding to the particular user identifier, the library list information being library list information stored in said storage unit.

72. (Currently Amended) ~~the~~The management device of claim 67, wherein
said receiving unit further receives a user identifier identifying a user who played back the new content, together with the reception of the new content identifier and the new rental information,

the storage unit stores therein the content identifier and the rental information in association with a user identifier,

the request from the terminal device includes a particular user identifier, and

said generation unit generates the presentation information based on a content identifier and rental information stored in association with the particular user identifier.

73. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 67, wherein

said generation unit includes:

an attribute-information acquiring unit operable to acquire, from another device, attribute information indicating attributes of a content identified by the received new content identifier;

an attribute-information write unit operable to write to said storage unit, library information including the acquired attribute information, the received new content content identifier and the received new rental information ; and

a presentation-information generating unit operable to generate the presentation information using library information written to said storage unit.

74. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 73, wherein the management device is a portable recording medium connectable to the playback device and to the terminal device, wherein

said receiving unit receives the new content identifier and the new rental information when the management device is connected to the playback device, and

said outputting unit outputs the presentation information when the management device is connected to the terminal device.

75. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 73, wherein

attribute information stored in said storage unit is grouped under a plurality of categories, the request from the terminal device includes a particular one of the categories, and said generating unit generates the presentation information using attribute information belonging to the particular one of the categories and a content identifier corresponding to attribute information and rental information.

76. (Currently Amended) ~~the~~The management device of claim 67, wherein

the request from the terminal device includes a particular content identifier, and
said generation unit generates the presentation information indicating whether the
particular content identifier is stored in said storage unit.

77. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 76, wherein
the request from the terminal device includes a plurality of content identifiers, and
said generation unit generates the presentation information indicating, for each of the
content identifiers, whether the content identifier is stored in said storage unit.

78. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 67, wherein
said generation unit includes:
a password storage unit operable to store therein a first password;
a password receiving unit operable to receive a second password from the terminal
device, and wherein
a presentation-information generating unit judges whether the first password matches the
second password, and when judging affirmatively, generates the presentation information using
the content identifier and the rental information stored in said storage unit in response to the
request from the terminal device.

79. (Currently Amended) A terminal device included in an information presentation system
together with a playback device and a management device, the terminal device being a different
entity from the playback device, and the terminal device comprising:
an input-receiving unit operable to receive an input from an external source;
a presentation-information acquiring unit operable to acquire, according to a received
input from the management device storing therein (i) a content identifier that identifies a content
having been played back by the playback device and (ii) rental information that shows whether
~~or not~~ the content is a rental content or a content owned by a user~~content~~, presentation
information that is generated using the content identifier and the rental information; and
a presentation unit operable to display the acquired presentation information.

80. **(Previously Presented)** The terminal device of claim 79, further comprising:

an identifier-acquiring unit operable to acquire a particular content identifier that identifies a particular content, wherein

said presentation-information acquiring unit requests and acquires, from the management device, the presentation information indicating whether the acquired particular content identifier is stored in the management device.

81. **(Previously Presented)** The terminal device of claim 80, wherein

said input-receiving unit further receives input of a plurality of content identifiers, said presentation-information acquiring unit further requests and acquires the presentation information indicating, for each of the content identifiers, whether the content identifier is stored in the management device, and

said presentation unit further displays the presentation information in which content identifiers stored in the management device are shown in a distinguishable form from content identifiers not stored in the management device.

82. **(Currently Amended)** ~~the~~The terminal device of claim 79, wherein

said input-receiving unit receives an input of a particular one of a plurality of categories under which attributes of contents are grouped,

said presentation-information acquiring unit requests the presentation information by transmitting the particular category to the management device,

the management device stores a plurality of categories indicating a plurality for attributes for a plurality of content in association with content identifiers respectively identifying the content, and

said presentation unit presents the presentation information which is generated using (i) attribute information corresponding to the content identifier that identifies the content having been played back by the playback device and belonging to the particular one of the categories and (ii) the rental information.

83. **(Currently Amended)** The terminal device of claim 79, wherein

the management device stores user identifiers identifying a plurality of users in association with content identifiers identifying content having been played back by the user and rental information that shows whether ~~or not~~ the contents having been played back by the users are rental ~~contents or contents owned by the user~~ contents, and

said presentation-information acquiring unit transmits a particular user identifier that identifies a particular user to the management device, and acquires the presentation information generated using a content identifier and the rental information associated with the particular user identifier.

84. **(Currently Amended)** A management method used in a management device that is included in an information presentation system together with a playback device and a terminal device, the terminal device being a different entity from the playback device, and the management device including a storage unit storing therein a content identifier that identifies a content having been played back in a past by the playback device in association with rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content, the management method comprising:

a receiving step of ~~receiving~~ receiving at a receiving unit and from the playback device (i) a new content identifier that identifies a new content having newly been played back by the playback device and (ii) new rental information that shows whether or not the new content is a rental content;

~~an update~~ updating step at an updating unit step of

(i) performing an update on the stored rental information so as to show that the content is not the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify a same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental content, and the received new rental information shows that the new content is not the rental content,

(ii) performing no update on the stored rental information regardless of whether or not the received new rental information shows that the new content is the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content, and

(iii) storing the new content identifier and the new rental information to the storage unit, when the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different contents from each other;

a generation step of generating at a generation unit presentation information using the stored content identifier and the stored rental information in response to a request from the terminal device; and

an outputting step of outputting from an outputting unit the presentation information to the terminal device via an outputting unit.

85. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium on which a management program is stored, the management program being for use in a management device included in an information presentation system together with a playback device and a terminal device, the terminal device being a different entity from the playback device, the management device including a storage unit storing therein a content identifier that identifies a content having been played back by the playback device in association with rental information the shows whether the content is a rental content or not, and the management program causing a computer to perform the following:

a ~~received-receiving~~ step of receiving, from the playback device, (i) a new content identifier, that identifies a new content having newly been played back, from the playback device and (ii) new rental information that shows whether or not the new content is a rental content;

an ~~update~~-updating step of

(i) performing an update on the stored rental information so as to show that the content is not the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify a same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is

the rental content, and the received new rental information shows that the new content is not the rental content,

(ii) performing no update on the stored rental information regardless of whether or not the received new rental information shows that the new content is the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content, and

(iii) storing the new content identifier and the new rental information to the storage unit, when the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different contents from each other;

a generation step of generating presentation information using the stored content identifier and the stored rental information in the storage unit in response to a request from the terminal device; and

an outputting step of outputting the presentation information to the terminal device via an outputting unit.

86. (Currently Amended) A playback device that makes up an information presentation system together with a terminal device and a management device, the playback device being a different entity from the terminal device, and the playback device comprising:

a playback unit operable to play back a content recorded in a recording medium;

an acquiring unit operable, when the content is played back, to acquire, from the recording medium (i) a content identifier that identifies the ~~play-played~~ back content; and (ii) rental information that shows whether ~~or not~~ the content is a rental content or a content owned by a user~~content~~; and

a transmission unit operable to transmit, to the management device, the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information.

87. (New) A playback device that is used together with a management device, the playback device comprising:

a playback unit operable to play back a content recorded in a recording medium;

an acquiring unit operable, when the content has been played back, to acquire from the recording medium (i) a content identifier that identifies the content having been played back by the playback unit; and (ii) rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content;

a storage unit operable to store a content identifier and rental information, which have been transmitted in a past to the management device, the management device managing the content identifier and the rental information transmitted from the playback device;

a transmission unit operable to

(i) transmit the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device, when (a) the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental content, and the acquired rental information shows that the content is not the rental content,

(ii) suppress transmitting of the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device, when (a) the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content,

(iii) transmit the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device when the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different contents from each other; and

an updating unit operable to update the storing unit to store the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information, when the transmission unit transmits the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device.

88. (New) A playback method used in a playback device that is used together with a management device, the playback method comprising:

a playback step of playing back a content recorded in a recording medium;

an acquiring step of, when the content has been played back, acquiring from the recording medium (i) a content identifier that identifies the content having been played back by

the playback unit; and (ii) rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content;

a storage step of storing a content identifier and rental information, which have been transmitted in a past to the management device, the management device managing the content identifier and the rental information transmitted from the playback device;

a transmission step of

(i) transmitting the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device, when (a) the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental content, and the acquired rental information shows that the content is not the rental content,

(ii) suppressing transmitting of the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device, when (a) the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content,

(iii) transmitting the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device when the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different contents from each other; and

an update step of updating the storing unit to store the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information, when the transmission unit transmits the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device.

89. (New) A computer-readable recoding medium on which a playback program is stored, the playback program being used in a playback device that is used together with a management device, and the playback program causes the playback device to perform:

a playback step of playing back a content recorded in a recording medium;

an acquiring step of, when the content has been played back, acquiring from the recording medium (i) a content identifier that identifies the content having been played back by the playback unit; and (ii) rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental

content;

a storage step of storing a content identifier and rental information, which have been transmitted in a past to the management device, the management device managing the content identifier and the rental information transmitted from the playback device;

a transmission step of

(i) transmitting the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device, when (a) the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental content, and the acquired rental information shows that the content is not the rental content,

(ii) suppressing transmitting of the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device, when (a) the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content,

(iii) transmitting the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device when the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different contents from each other; and

an update step of updating the storing unit to store the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information, when the transmission unit transmits the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device.